

ALTERNATIVE TAX SYSTEMS

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing on alternative tax systems, with a focus on tax systems that are based on taxing consumption rather than income. Testimony was heard from Mike Huckabee, former Governor, Arkansas; Jim White, Director, Tax Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

BOSNIA

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine Bosnia, focusing on obstacles to progress and recommendations for the international response, after receiving testimony from Clifford Bond, former U.S. Ambassador to Bosnia-Herzegovina, Department of State, and Nida Gelazis, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, both of Washington, D.C.; and Kurt Bassuener, Democratization Policy Council, Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Education, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine financial management and business transformation at the Department of Defense, 2 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine defending United States economic interests in the changing arctic, focusing on if there is a strategy, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance, to hold hearings to examine improving highway and vehicle safety, focusing on reauthorization of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine chief executive officer (CEO) perspectives on how the tax code affects hiring, businesses and economic growth, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine ten years after 9/11, focusing on emergency communications, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine fulfilling our treaty obligations and protecting Americans abroad, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Edgardo Ramos, of Connecticut, Andrew L. Carter, Jr., and Jesse M. Furman, all to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, James Rodney Gilstrap, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, and Jennifer Guerin Zipps, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the lifetime costs of supporting the newest generation of veterans, 10 a.m., SD-562.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing on Agricultural Program Audit: Examination of Title I and the SURE Program, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, markup of the FY 2012 State and Foreign Operations Appropriations Bill, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing on the Way Ahead in Afghanistan, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on The Reserve Components as an Operational Force: Potential Legislative and Policy Changes, 1:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Force, hearing on sustaining nuclear deterrence after New START, 3 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Education Reforms: Exploring Teacher Quality Initiatives." 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, markup of the following: discussion draft of the "Pipeline Infrastructure and Community Protection Act of 2011"; and H.R. 2054, the "Energy and Revenue Enrichment Act of 2011." 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Oversight of the Credit Rating Agencies Post Dodd-Frank." 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Monetary Policy and Trade, hearing entitled "The Impact of the World Bank and Multi-Lateral Development Banks on National Security and U.S. Job Creation." 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, hearing on Axis of Abuse: U.S. Human Rights Policy toward Iran and Syria, Part 1, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Al Shabaab: Recruitment and Radicalization within the Muslim American Community and the Threat to the Homeland." 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing entitled "Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Trustee Responsibilities and Remuneration." 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Full Committee, begin markup of the following: H.R. 1981, the "Protecting Children From Internet Pornographers Act of 2011"; H.R. 1433, the "Private Property

Rights Protection Act of 2011”; H.R. 2633, the “Appeal Time Clarification Act of 2011”; H.R. 83, the “Bullying Prevention and Intervention Act of 2011”; and H.R. 2189, the “Death in Custody Reporting Act of 2011.” 11:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, hearing entitled “State Perspectives on Offshore Revenue Sharing.” 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Disposal of Federal Real Property: Legislative Proposals.” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and Labor Policy, hearing entitled “The Thrift Savings Plan: Helping Federal Employees Achieve Retirement Security.” 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Bureaucratic Obstacles for Small Exporters: Is our National Export Strategy Working?” 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing entitled “The European Union’s Emissions Trading Scheme: A Violation of International Law.” 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing entitled “The Economic Development Administration: How to Improve Effectiveness through Reforms and Consolidations.” 10:30 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Subcommittee on Terrorism, HUMINT, Analysis, and Counterintelligence, hearing on Preventing Violent Radicalization in America, 3 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine maximizing America’s prosperity, focusing on how fiscal rules can restrain Federal overspending, 10 a.m., SH-216.